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October 26, 1954

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Assistant General Counsel  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Your letter of October 21, 1954 arrived today and I am answering it without delay.

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Your observations come as a surprise in view of the fact that at the time of our telephone conversation on September 29th you said you would consider my request for a rearrangement of payments and would 'phone me accordingly. Subsequently, my check in the amount of \$112.50 was deposited for payment and I naturally assumed the matter was settled. Now, however, your pay up or else letter, although representative of your prerogative, is not consistent with your expressed understanding of my position. *Expressed no understanding*

*Indicated that this was the case*  
You will probably recall it was your suggestion that you come in and see me for the purpose of discussing this matter with a view to justifying a reduction in the amount of payments. As I then indicated, I would be pleased to go into my general financial status but am not of a mind to make a detailed statement which under other circumstances might be interpreted as a misrepresentation of fact.

It is unfortunate the Central Intelligence Agency, through no fault of mine, overpaid me and I am therefore in the position of having agreed to reimburse the Agency at a rate in excess of one which I am able to continue to meet. This is not a case of having reneged on an obligation and I regret you feel called upon to refer to my "attitude" as one which makes it necessary for you to protect the interests of the United States government by giving me thirty

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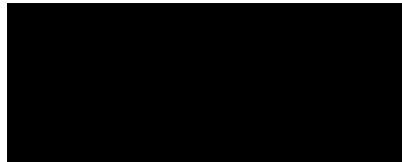
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days within which to meet my stipulated obligation.

Be assured that your desire to protect the government's interest is exceeded only by my desire to complete these payments to the government. However, I cannot at this time see my way clear to increase the amount of the payments I am now making. If you therefore feel called upon to institute collection proceedings and, as you say, impair whatever working relationships I might have with other government officials, I am at a loss to be able to do anything about it.

On the other hand, if you are of a mind to discuss this situation further before taking such action, I would be most pleased as I am confident such a discussion would justify your continued acceptance of my current rate of payment.

Very truly yours,  
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